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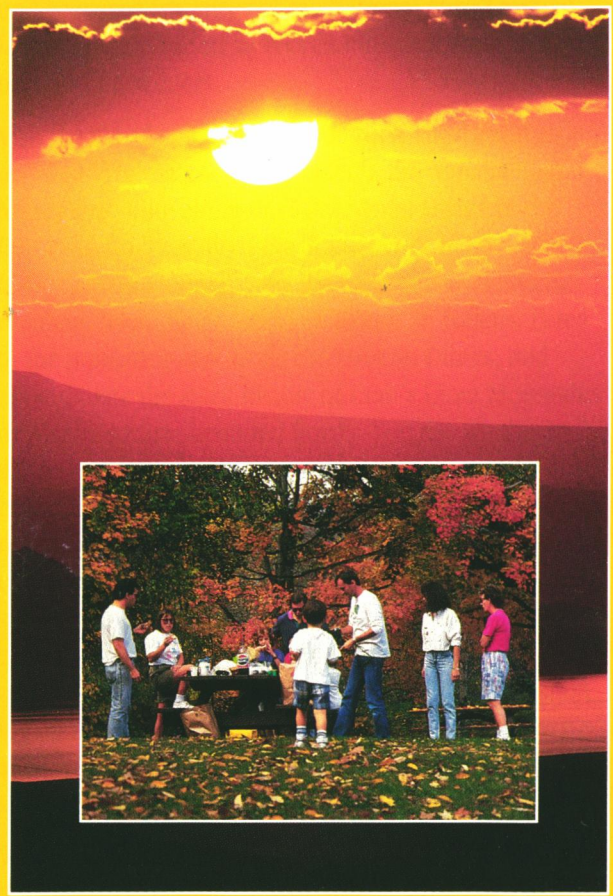
Discover Special Places In Your National Forests



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Welcome to Your National Forests!

Since 1965, Congress has identified "special places" in the national forests as *national recreation areas, national scenic areas,* and *national monuments.* They are designated in response to the American people's desire to have their special places recognized and managed in a special way. These areas, the undiscovered treasures of the National Forest System, feature a wide variety of recreation attractions and outstanding scenery.

Visit them and you can test your rock-climbing mettle on West Virginia's Seneca Rocks in the Appalachian Mountains, hike along the Continental Divide in the Colorado Rockies, float the Snake River in the rugged Hells Canyon country, view the incredible devastation resulting from the eruption of Mount St. Helens, listen to the pounding surf along the Oregon Dunes, and contemplate the stark beauty of Utah's Uinta Mountains or Alaska's mist-shrouded fiords. You can do this in the style you prefer. You can enjoy a comfortable resort, stay in a campground and rough it a little, or go out into the wilderness and seek pristine solitude and challenging conditions. You can swim off a rock or sand beach or in a pool at a resort or wade into cold, clear trout streams seeking the elusive "big one." You can canoe in the wild and scenic rivers or waterski on big lakes. You can ride a horse or a mountain bike or a snowmobile. Clearly, the choice is yours in the special places of the national forests.

Within or adjacent to these special places, you will find numerous communities with unique attractions of their

own. Often local outfitters and guides can provide you with a full range of equipment and educational and recreational activities. The communities may host festivals and other events that can round out your visit and give you a better appreciation for the local life styles. The special places frequently are the focal points for environmentally based regional development.

You can use this guide, with its writeups, map, and special chart, to plan your visit to the special places in the National Forest System. We have listed mailing addresses and telephone numbers so that you can obtain more details about the areas of your choice. Feel free to contact us with your information needs or with recommendations on how you would like to see us manage these areas.

And above all, come and find your special treasure in the National Forest System—America's Great Outdoors!

F. DALE ROBERTSON
Chief, Forest Service
U.S. Department of Agriculture

Discover Special Places

In Your National Forests

Admiralty Island National Monument

USDA Forest Service

8465 Old Dairy Road

Juneau, AK 99803

(907) 586-8800

Accessible only by air or water, Admiralty Island National Monument, in the Tongass National Forest, offers unparalleled opportunities to view wildlife. With almost a million acres designated as the Kootznoowoo Wilderness, the island is known for its bears and bald eagles. It contains the densest population of brown bears in North America, many of which can be seen feeding on salmon in late July and August at the Pack Creek Viewing Area.

The island lies along the Inside Passage in the southeastern portion of Alaska. One shore is within 10 air-miles of Juneau, the capital, but the monument remains undeveloped and wild. Mountains running north to south divide the forest-covered area. The State ferry system provides year-round access (2 to 3 times per week) to Angoon, a small local village.

Rustic facilities include a few cabins and trail shelters, a bear observatory, and a small resort. Commercial operators provide air and boat charters from Juneau and other Alaskan communities.

GALEN ROWELL

Allegheny National Recreation Area

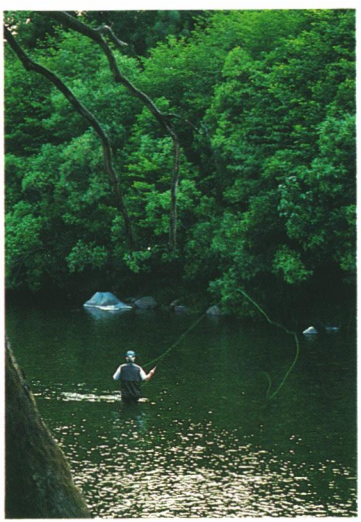
USDA Forest Service

222 Liberty Street, Box 847

Warren, PA 16365

(814) 723-5150

Not far from Pittsburgh is the Allegheny National Recreation Area, on the Allegheny National Forest. The recreation area consists of two separate units. The first is along the Allegheny River southwest of Warren, and adjacent to the Allegheny Islands Wilderness Area. The second unit is along the New York–Pennsylvania border, including part of the Allegheny Reservoir, with boat-accessible campgrounds and other recreational sites. Both areas are generally unroaded, covered with cherry, maple, and oak forests, and are popular for less-developed recreation. Preserving and enhancing wildlife and fish populations, recreation, and watershed values are emphasized, while exploration and development of oil and gas resources are allowed. Visitors can obtain detailed information about the Allegheny National Recreation Area, as well as other local attractions, at the nearby Kinzua Point Information Center.



Arapaho National Recreation Area

USDA Forest Service

PO Box 10

Granby, CO 80446

(303) 887-3331

TDD (303) 498-1025

MICHAEL KELLER

Five major lakes, the "Great Lakes of Colorado," are the drawing cards for the Arapaho National Recreation Area in the Arapaho–Roosevelt National Forests. Water-based recreation is the key attraction and there are excellent campground and marina facilities. Visitors can hike along portions of the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail in the headwaters of the Colorado River, "snag" Kokanee salmon in Lake Granby, visit the historic Monarch Lake logging camp site, and enjoy the solitude of the adjacent Indian Peaks Wilderness Area and scenic vistas of the neighboring Rocky Mountain National Park.

Beech Creek National Scenic and Botanical Area

USDA Forest Service

HC 64, Box 3467

Heavener, OK 74937

(918) 653-2991

Beautiful shaded trails cross this scenic area in southeastern Oklahoma on the Ouachita National Forest. It attracts visitors because of its solitude and native vegetation. Beech trees, rare in Oklahoma, and American holly are found here in abundance. Beech Creek itself is a cool, shaded, clear-flowing stream. Camping is available in the nearby Winding Stair Mountain National Recreation Area.

Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area

USDA Forest Service

902 Wasco Avenue

Hood River, OR 97031

(503) 386-2333

The Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area includes an 80-mile portion of the spectacular gorge of the Columbia River between Oregon and Washington. The western entry point is within a 20-minute drive of Portland, by way of Interstate 80, which runs through the area. Managed through a unique partnership among the local governments, a bi-state commission, and the Forest Service, it is one of the world's prime wind surfing sites. Over a third of the national scenic area is under State and Federal ownership and is open to public use. The Columbia River Gorge offers river-oriented activities, waterfowl and wildflower viewing, birding, hiking, camping, and enjoying some of the most spectacular cascading waterfalls in North America. There are many opportunities for day use.

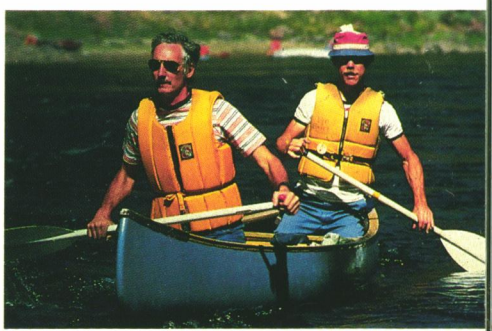
Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area

USDA Forest Service

PO Box 278

Manila, UT 84046

(801) 784-3445



A backdrop of bald peaks extends above the timberline on the Uinta Mountains to an altitude of more than 12,000 feet in the Ashley National Forest's Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area. At lower elevations, over 120 miles of trails lace through pinyon-juniper, ponderosa and lodgepole pine, and spruce-fir forests, beckoning hikers and backpackers to remote mountain lakes and streams. Antelope, coyotes, deer, elk, moose, and bighorn sheep move within the landscape. Trophy trout in Flaming Gorge Lake or the Green River (below the 502-foot-high dam) have made the area a prime fishing spot. Other water sports—including whitewater rafting, sailing, power boating, water skiing, and swimming—contrast with the surrounding dusty sagebrush country of the northern desert and the vertical rock of 1,400-foot-deep Red Canyon. Interesting sites to visit include a fire lookout tower, a historic ranch, four visitors' centers, and numerous vistas, viewpoints, and interpretive stops.

Grand Island National Recreation Area

USDA Forest Service

400 East Munising Avenue

Munising, MI 49862

(906) 387-3700

Located a half mile offshore from Munising, Michigan, in Lake Superior, the Hiawatha National Forest's Grand Island National Recreation Area can be reached by scheduled ferry during the summer and by snowmobile when the lake is frozen. A system of primitive roads reaches points around the island.

Grand Island has a rich heritage. Recent investigations indicate that it probably has been inhabited for the last 2,300 years, and that it was an important center of the Ojibwa people in the 16th century. Fur trading posts were established in the late 1700's and early 1800's. The first permanent European settlers came to the island in 1840. Two lighthouses built in 1867 are still standing; the North Light is reportedly the highest lighthouse above sea level in the world. Alger Underwater Preserve is a State park where visitors can explore many of the shipwrecks that are preserved in the waters around the island. These cultural attractions, observable in the recreation area, complement natural attractions such as ice climbing near the East Channel Light, and numerous black bears found on the island.

STEPHEN MARKS

Hells Canyon National Recreation Area

USDA Forest Service

Route 1, Box 270A

Enterprise, OR 97828

(503) 426-4978

Along the Oregon/Idaho border, the Snake River is one of the star attractions of the Hells Canyon National Recreation Area. Managed by the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest, the canyon is the deepest gorge in North America (8,000 feet) with vertical cliffs lining many of the 67 miles of the Snake River, which has been designated as a wild and scenic river. Jet boating, rafting, and sturgeon fishing are popular attractions during warm seasons, and groomed snowmobile trails attract winter users. More than three-fourths of the area is roadless or designated as wilderness, where backpacking and horse travel are favored recreation activities. The area generally is undeveloped and remote, with only a few roads and rustic campgrounds. Over 1,500 prehistoric sites have been located, including pictographs, villages, and shelters; and early homesteads and ranching sites also have been found. Hunting and fishing are major draws to the area.

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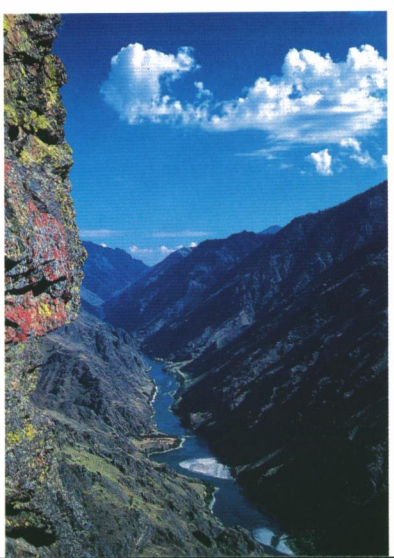

Indian Nations National Scenic and Wildlife Area

USDA Forest Service

HC 64, Box 3467

Heavener, OK 74937

(918) 653-2991

This scenic area is located in eastern Oklahoma on the Ouachita National Forest, 50 miles southwest of Ft. Smith, Arkansas. It generally lies on the north slopes of Winding Stair Mountain and, during the spring and fall, provides a beautiful panorama of foliage colors. The Talimena Scenic Drive provides vantage points from which the entire area can be seen. The Homer L. Johnson Wildlife Management Area, where wild turkey and deer can often be observed, is located within this scenic area. Deer and turkey hunting come to a peak in the fall as bow and arrow, muzzle loader, and regular gun hunters take to the woods. Camping spots are located in the adjacent Winding Stair Mountain National Recreation Area.

Misty Fiords National Monument

USDA Forest Service

3031 Tongass Avenue

Ketchikan, AK 99901

(907) 225-2148

Remote Misty Fiords National Monument in the Tongass National Forest is 25 air-miles from Ketchikan, Alaska, and accessible only by air or water. With over 2 million acres of designated wilderness, it is presently the largest of the National Forest System's special places. Located on the mainland and the islands along the Inside Passage, the monument has scenic vistas, over 100 lakes, densely timbered river valleys, and salmon streams. The area is known for its beautiful fiords with sheer cliffs rising to mist-cloaked peaks. Both glacial and volcanic features are evident in this geological wonderland.

Visitors can view the area via commercial tours, including boat or air charters from Ketchikan, cruise ships, or private boats. The area offers dispersed recreation, with opportunities for solitude, beach picnics, kayaking in the fiords, nature photography, and wildlife viewing. Only primitive recreation facilities are available.

Mono Basin National Forest Scenic Area

USDA Forest Service

PO Box 429

Lee Vining, CA 93541

(619) 647-6525

Mono Basin National Forest Scenic Area is located in east-central California, where the Great Basin meets the Sierra Nevada, within the Inyo National Forest. Reno, the nearest large city, is about 3 hours away. Mono Lake itself is located in the middle of a broad shallow basin, along the eastern access route to Yosemite National Park. Classic volcanic domes and craters, and the towering Sierra Nevada, provide contrast to the picturesque lake. Tufa towers, limestone formations created when calcium-bearing freshwater springs well up through the alkaline lake water, add to the beauty.

The lake is visited annually by more than a million birds. The brine shrimp and alkali flies that thrive in the lake's water by mid-summer provide a plentiful food supply for more than seventy species of migratory birds. Particularly notable migrants include the eared grebe, Wilson's phalarope, the red-necked phalarope, and the California gull, which nests on the lake's islands in this bird watcher's paradise. Such abundance has resulted in the area's being paired with Argentina's Laguna Mar Chiquita as an International Reserve under the Western Hemisphere Shorebird Reserve Network.

The area has several interpretive sites and a county-operated picnic area with restrooms. No overnight camping facilities are available within the scenic area, but they are plentiful in nearby locations during the snowfree months. Guided walks are offered year-round.

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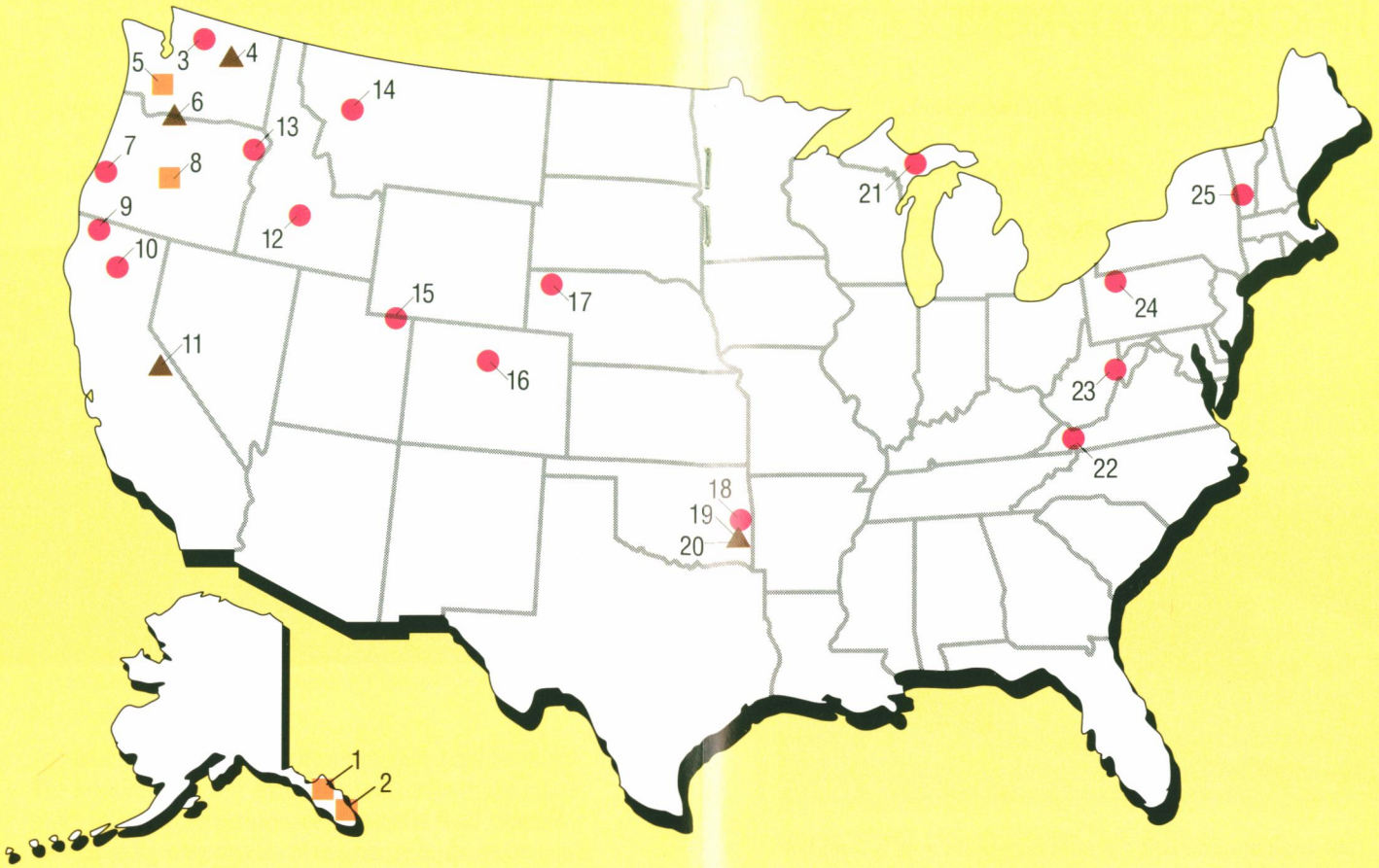

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Mount Baker National Recreation Area

USDA Forest Service

2105 Highway 20

Sedro Woolley, WA 98284

(206) 856-5700

INTERNATIONAL SNOWMOBILE INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION

This small but dramatic national recreation area is found on the south flank of Mount Baker, part of the volcanic "Ring of Fire" around the Pacific. Located in the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, the area ranges in elevation from nearly 11,000 feet at the glacier-covered summit to 2,000 feet on the lower reaches of the Sulphur Creek Lava Flow, where unique botanical communities are found. In between are four major subalpine meadow systems that include some of the most spectacular hiking and horseback riding trails in the North Cascades. Winter recreation includes snowmobiling and backcountry skiing. The restored Park Butte Lookout offers panoramic views of the entire area.

Mount Rogers National Recreation Area

USDA Forest Service

Route 1, Box 303

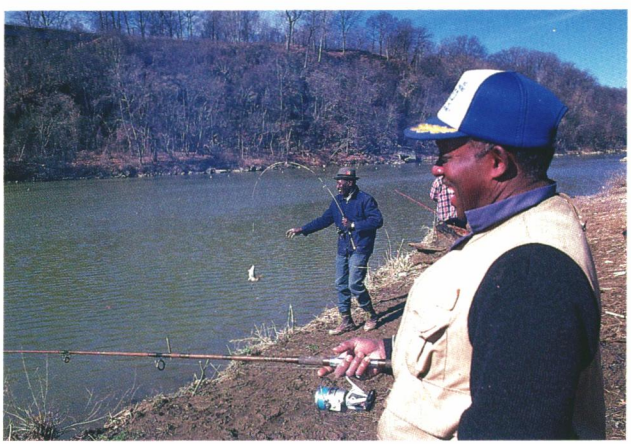
Marion, VA 24354

(703) 783-5196

The Mount Rogers National Recreation Area, on the Jefferson National Forest, is located in Virginia's beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains. It includes Mt. Rogers, the highest peak in Virginia, and the Crest Zone, an area with elevations over 4,000 feet, large rock formations, and a mixture of mountain "balds" and spruce-fir forests.

Old stone bridges, rail fences, mills, stone iron furnaces, and farmsteads abound in a landscape of intermingled fields and forests. About 150 ponies roam freely in the high country, and round-ups are held in the spring and fall.

Mount Rogers has over 450 miles of trails, including the 67-mile-long Virginia Highlands Horse Trail and 60 miles of the Appalachian Trail. It includes three wilderness areas and the Mount Rogers National Scenic Byway.



Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument

USDA Forest Service

42218 NE Yale Bridge Road

Amboy, WA 98601

(206) 247-5473

TDD (206) 247-5472

On May 18, 1980, Mount St. Helens, a volcano in southwest Washington State, erupted after 123 years of inactivity. About 1,300 feet of the summit exploded from the mountain, transforming the green forest around it into a blown-down, gray landscape. Soon thereafter, the Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument was created on the Gifford Pinchot National Forest. Within a 4-hour drive of both Portland and Seattle, Mount St. Helens is the only active volcano in the continental United States. Roads wind through forests where a layer of pumice is the only sign of recent volcanic activity, enter a transition zone where trees were killed but left standing, and end within the blown-down blast area.

Turnouts along the roads provide access to hiking trails and vistas of mudflows and older volcanoes—Mount Hood to the south, Mount Adams to the east, and Mount Rainier to the north. One lookout, Windy Ridge, is about 4 miles from the crater and provides a breathtaking panorama of the volcano, the building lava dome at its base, and the stark eruption landscape. Naturalist activities and interpretive talks are presented by Forest Service personnel to help visitors understand and enjoy this special place. A readily accessible visitors' center features the 1980 eruption and explains Mount St. Helens' history.

Newberry National Volcanic Monument

USDA Forest Service

1230 NE Third Street

Bend, OR 97701

(503) 388-5664

Nestled within the Deschutes National Forest, Newberry National Volcanic Monument boasts many impressive features. Interesting historical, archeological, and geological sites, recreation opportunities, wildlife, plants, and outstanding scenery merge into a delightful special place to explore and have fun. From the summit of 8,000-foot-high Paulina Peak, visitors can enjoy a spectacular overview of an internationally significant volcanic region, including lava flows where NASA astronauts have trained, cinder cones, lava caves, pumice cones, and tuff rings; and Fort Rock Cave, where archeologists unearthed sagebark sandals that are carbon-14 dated at 9,000 years! Newberry Volcano's huge caldera contains two sparkling lakes, hotsprings, trails, two rustic resorts, picnic grounds, and one of the largest obsidian flows in North America. Subsurface features include resources of significant interest to the Nation's geothermal industry. The bald eagle and the Oregon grape-fern number among species of particular note. Visitors' centers, interpretive trails, and campground programs about wildlife, geology, and even flintknapping, the art of making arrowheads—all help visitors understand and enjoy this remarkable area.

North Cascades National Scenic Highway

USDA Forest Service

PO Box 579

Winthrop, WA 98862

(509) 996-2266

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The North Cascades National Scenic Highway is managed by the Forest Service as a national scenic area. It is located in Washington State's Okanogan and Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forests about 140 miles north of Seattle. Recreation activities include hiking, helicopter skiing, snowmobiling, cross-country skiing, bicycling, rock climbing, and driving for pleasure. The highway, which usually is closed by avalanches from December to April, affords spectacular views of the highest and most rugged mountains in the State.

Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area

USDA Forest Service

855 Highway Avenue

Reedsport, OR 97467

(503) 271-3611

The dramatic sand dunes at Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area, on the Siuslaw National Forest, rise as much as 500 feet above sea level. The dunes are regionally unique resources, with textbook examples of coastal ecology, that serve as a magnet for related environmental education. A third of the dunes along the 38-mile-long beach are constantly migrating, and the region includes numerous lakes, marshes, and estuaries. Visitors enjoy fishing for both warm water and cold water species, beachcombing, and wildlife viewing. They also revel in the opportunity to drive off-road vehicles on many of the dunes.

Pine Ridge National Recreation Area

USDA Forest Service

HC 75, Box 13A9

Chadron, NE 69337

(308) 432-4475

The Pine Ridge National Recreation Area, on the Nebraska National Forest, offers backcountry recreation opportunities in a natural ponderosa pine forest that is an extension of the forests of the Black Hills. Typical activities include hiking, horseback riding, hunting, nature study, and, depending on snowfall, cross-country skiing. Motorized recreation is not permitted, and there are no developed sites in this smallest of the Forest Service national recreation areas.

Rattlesnake National Recreation Area

USDA Forest Service

Building 24A, Ft. Missoula

Missoula, MT 59801

(406) 329-3814

The Rattlesnake National Recreation Area and Wilderness on the Lolo National Forest is located at the northern edge of Missoula, Montana. Rattlesnake Creek is a municipal watershed for the city. The recreation area is accessible to hikers, horseback riders, cross-country skiers, and bicyclists, and is tied to a trail network serving Missoula. Challenging paths and scenic lakes draw visitors to the 33,000-acre Rattlesnake Wilderness, which encompasses the northern half of the national recreation area. Visitors can glimpse wildlife that includes mountain lions, goats, moose, elk, deer, coyotes, and grizzly bears.

Sawtooth National Recreation Area

USDA Forest Service

Star Route

Ketchum, ID 83340

(208) 726-7672

Located in the heart of Idaho, the Sawtooth National Recreation Area on the Sawtooth National Forest is the largest such area in the National Forest System. Three mountain ranges are predominant features: the Sawtooth Mountains, White Cloud Peaks, and Boulder Mountains. The area includes more than 300 high-mountain lakes and the headwaters of the Salmon, Boise, and Payette Rivers. One of the purposes of the area's designation is to "...preserve sites associated with and typifying the economic and social history of the American West." Visitors enjoy scenic drives, winter snowmobile races, the Boulder Mountain Cross Country Ski Race in the Sun Valley area, the Ore-Ida Women's Bike Challenge, and the Stanley White Water Kayak Rodeo in the Salmon River. The Sawtooth Wilderness occupies the western third of the area and is highlighted by rugged peaks and broad glacial valleys.

Smith River National Recreation Area

USDA Forest Service

PO Box 228

Gasquet, CA 95543

(707) 457-3131

With its clear and free-flowing waters, the Smith River is well known for its salmon and steelhead runs. More than 300 miles of the Smith River system have been designated as a wild and scenic river, the most extensive one managed by the Forest Service. On their way to the Pacific, various forks and tributaries of the river wind their way through steep, forested mountains of the Six Rivers National Forest. Kayaking, inner-tubing, and rafting are increasingly popular sports. Redwoods can be found along the main river corridors. The region includes seven established botanical areas that protect unusual plant communities. More than 300 species of wildlife are found there, including bald eagles, peregrine falcons, and spotted owls. This national recreation area has a rich history dating from the days of the first Americans, 6,000 years ago, through the explorations by men such as Jedediah Smith, to the gold rush days. The area includes about half of the Siskiyou Wilderness and the Smith River National Scenic Byway.

Spruce Knob-Seneca Rocks National Recreation Area

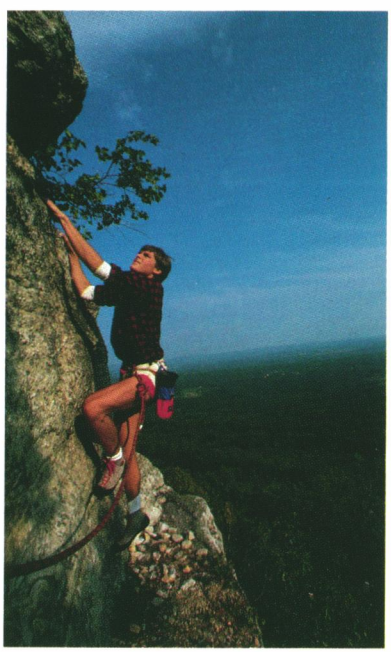
USDA Forest Service

Route 3, Box 240

Petersburg, WV 26847

(304) 567-2827

The Spruce Knob-Seneca Rocks National Recreation Area on the Monongahela National Forest includes the highest mountain in West Virginia, spectacular rock formations, fast-flowing streams, forested mountains, caves, and open meadows on the headwaters of the Potomac River. The area offers a wide range of recreation activities including ice fishing, white-water boating, rock climbing, and caving. A visitors' center at Seneca Rocks, many miles of hiking trails, and State and forest roads, all support the diverse recreation opportunities. Camping is available at Seneca Shadows and Big Bend Campgrounds, and at nearby Spruce Knob Lake.



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Whiskeytown-Shasta-Trinity National Recreation Area

Shasta-Trinity Unit	*Whiskeytown Unit*
USDA Forest Service	*USDI National Park Service*
2400 Washington Ave.	*PO Box 188*
Redding, CA 96001	*Whiskeytown, CA 96095*
(916) 246-5222	*(916) 241-6584*

The recreation area features four large lakes including Shasta Lake, the largest reservoir in California. Each lake offers its own special attractions, which include swimming, jet skiing, water skiing, general boating, sailing, and both cold and warm water fishing. Houseboats are an especially notable attraction on Shasta and Clair Engle (Trinity) Lakes. A dominant landscape feature, the dormant Mt. Shasta Volcano, is a scenic regional backdrop to Shasta Lake, where an information center is located. The area is heavily used Memorial Day to Labor Day, but because of the mild climate, can also be enjoyed in the spring and fall. The nearby Trinity Alps Wilderness offers many miles of hiking trails in some of the most scenic and rugged country on the west coast. Shasta Lake and Clair Engle (Trinity) Lake, two of the three units which the recreation area includes, are managed by the Shasta-Trinity National Forest. The third unit, Whiskeytown, is managed by the National Park Service, and includes a visitors' center.

White Rocks National Recreation Area

USDA Forest Service

RR 1, Box 1940

Manchester Center, VT 05255

(802) 362-2307

TDD (802) 773-0324

Vermont boasts the White Rocks National Recreation Area, on the Green Mountain National Forest. White rock cliffs and ice beds are major attractions. The Appalachian Trail and the Catamont Nordic Ski Trail traverse the area. Cultural resources include prehistoric hunting camps, a quarry site for arrowhead quartz, and historic farms. Water-based recreation opportunities can be found at three local lakes. Big Branch and Peru Peak Wildernesses lie within its boundaries. The non-wilderness portion of the area includes 61 miles of snowmobile trails.

Winding Stair Mountain National Recreation Area

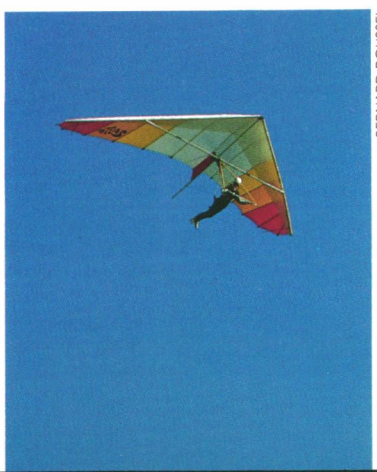
USDA Forest Service

HC 64, Box 3467

Heavener, OK 74937

(918) 653-2991

The superb spring and fall colors of this mountain range in eastern Oklahoma's Ouachita National Forest draw visitors to Winding Stair Mountain. Talimena Drive, a national scenic drive and byway, traverses the area, while winding past scenic vistas and historical sites. The Robert S. Kerr Memorial Arboretum, Nature Center, and Botanical Area are located along Talimena Drive. The area reportedly contains more plant species than any other place between the Rockies and the Appalachians. Environmental education programs are offered at the Nature Center. About 150 miles of trails beckon hikers and horseback riders through the beautiful shortleaf southern pine and oak-hickory forests found here. Visitors can go trekking in either the remote Black Fork Mountain Wilderness or the Upper Kiamichi River Wilderness. Or, they can enjoy peaceful Cedar Lake or Emerald Vista Campground. A large equestrian camp with access to 100 miles of trails is found at Cedar Lake. Two nearby national scenic areas are described separately: Indian Nations and Beech Creek.



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National Forest System Special Places

Features and Attractions

National Forest	Area Name	Picnicking	Camping	Fishing	Boating	Mountain Biking	Ski/Snowshoe Touring	Snowmobiling	Off-Road Vehicles	Wildlife Viewing/Appreciation	Hunting	Horseback Riding	Mountain Climbing	Swimming	Historical/Cultural Sites	Visitor Center/Museum	Remarks
Alaska Tongass	Admiralty Island NM		●	●	●		●			●	●				●		15 primative recreation rental cabins, 8 shelters. 24 miles of trails.
Tongass	Misty Fiords NM		●	●	●					●	●				●		14 primative recreation rental cabins, 4 shelters. 22 miles of maintained trails.
California Shasta–Trinity	Whiskeytown–Shasta–Trinity NRA	✻	✻	✻	●									●			About 60 campgrounds and picnic areas, various marinas and boat ramps. Trinity Heritage Scenic Byway follows west side of Clair Eagle (Trinity) Lake.
Inyo	Mono Basin NFSA									●						✻	Adjacent Lee Vining Canyon Scenic Byway. Nearby Ansel Adams and Hoover Wilderness Areas. Mule Days Celebration at Bishop (May).
Six Rivers	Smith River NRA	✻	✻	●	●				●	●	●			●	●		5 campgrounds. 2 picnic areas.
Colorado Arapaho–Roosevelt	Arapaho NRA	✻	●	✻	●	●	●	●		●		●			●		4 campgrounds. 9 marinas. Point Park barrier-free fishing pier & picnic area. Grand Lake Winter Carnival (January) and Buffalo Bar-BQ Festival (July).
Idaho Sawtooth, Chalis, Boise	Sawtooth NRA	●	✻	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	About 30 campgrounds and picnic areas. 3 barrier-free campgrounds at Alturas Lake. Archaeology volunteer opportunities. Sawtooth Mtn. Mamas Arts & Crafts Fair in Stanley (July).
Michigan Hiawatha	Grand Island NRA	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		●	●			●	●	Very rustic campsites. Winter snowmobile races in area. Summer ferry, 2-3 times per day, will accept canoes & mountain bikes.
Montana Lolo	Rattlesnake NRA			●		●	●			●	●	●					Undeveloped campgrounds/picnic areas only. 3 horse trailheads. Missoula Trail Celebration each spring.
Nebraska Nebraska	Pine Ridge NRA					●				●	●	●					Trailhead with horse corral & picnic area. Nearby Soldier Creek Wilderness Area and Chadron & Ft. Robinson State Park.
Oklahoma Ouachita	Winding Stair Mountain NRA	●	●	✻						●	●	●		●	●	●	130 campsites at Cedar Lake & Emerald Vista campgrounds. Hang gliding. Barrier-free Cedar Lake fishing pier. Fall Sorghum Festival in Poteau.
Ouachita	Indian Nations NS & Wildlife Area		●							●	●	●					Various trails and trailheads. Summer Choctaw Nation PowWow in Poteau.
Ouachita	Beech Creek NS & Botanical Area										●						Limited developments. Nearby Upper Kiamichi Wilderness Area.
Oregon Siuslaw	Oregon Dunes NRA	●	●	●	●				●		●	●					21 Federal or State campgrounds in or nearby. 72-mile Oregon Dune Mushers dogsled mail run each March.
Deschutes	Newberry NVM	●	●	●	●		●	●		●	●	●			●	●	6 campgrounds on lakes in Newberry caldera. Hot springs & Nordic skiing. Bordered by Deschutes Wild & Scenic River.
Oregon, Idaho Wallowa–Whitman	Hells Canyon NRA	●	●	●	●		●	●		●	●	●	●		●	●	19 campgrounds & picnic areas. Includes Imnaha Wild & Scenic River, Hells Canyon Wilderness and part of Eagle Cap Wilderness. Chief Joseph Days (July).
Oregon, Washington	Columbia River Gorge NRA	●	●	●	●	●				●					●		Adjacent Columbia Wilderness Area, and White Salmon and Klickitat Wild & Scenic Rivers. White Salmon May Festival in Hood River.
Pennsylvania Allegheny	Allegheny NRA	●	●	●	●		●			●	●	●		●			Several boat access campgrounds. Adjacent Hickory Creek and Allegheny Islands Wilderness Areas. Longhouse Scenic Byway nearby. Alleghenies Forest-Fest (June).
Utah, Wyoming Ashley	Flaming Gorge NRA	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	About 40 developed sites. Flaming Gorge-Uintas Scenic Byway. 4 state-designated wildlife-viewing sites. Archaeology volunteer opportunities. Labor Day Parade of Lights (yachts) at Lucerne.
Vermont Green Mountain	White Rocks NRA	●	●	●	●		●	●			●	●		●	●		7 trail shelters. Adjacent barrier-free Greendale Campground in Weston and picnic area in Wallingford.
Virginia Jefferson	Mt. Rogers NRA	●	●	●	●	●	●		●		●	●		●	●	●	9 campgrounds and picnic areas. 3 horsecamps. Appalachian Trail Days Celebration in Damascas in mid-May. Grayson Highlands Fall Festival.
Washington Mt. Baker–Snoqualmie	Mt. Baker NRA		●				●	●		●	●	●	●				Adjacent Mt. Baker Wilderness Area and Mt. Baker Scenic Byway.
Gifford Pinchot	Mt. St. Helens NVM	●	●	●		●	●	●		●	●		●			✻	1 campground. Spelunking. Barrier-free Trail of Two Forests. Lava tubes. Annual 205-mile "To Hel'n Back Bike Ride".
Okanogan, Mt. Baker–Snoqualmie	North Cascades NSH	●	●			●	●	●		●		●	●		●	●	3 campgrounds. 2 picnic areas. Berry picking along highway in late summer and fall. Barrier-free Washington Pass trail. Forty Niners weekend in Winthrop (May).
West Virginia Monongahela	Spruce Knob–Seneca Rocks NRA	●	✻	●	●					●	●	●	●		●	✻	3 campgrounds. Caves. Nearby Dolly Sods Wilderness Area. Fall forest festival in Elkins.

✻ Some barrier-free access for people with disabilities

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